

FEBRUARY 5, 2009

NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the **Contract Compliance Committee** of the Board of Commissioners of Cook County on **Wednesday, February 11, 2009** at the hour of **1:00 P.M.** in the Board Room, Room 569, County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois to consider the following:

297539 AN ORDINANCE ELIMINATING THE DEPARTMENT OF CONTRACT COMPLIANCE AND HAVING THE OFFICE OF THE PURCHASING AGENT ASSUME THE OFFICE OF CONTRACT COMPLIANCES DUTIES AND STAFF (PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT). Submitting a Proposed Ordinance Amendment sponsored by Elizabeth "Liz" Doody Gorman, County Commissioner.

The following is a synopsis of the Proposed Ordinance Amendment:

PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

**AN ORDINANCE ELIMINATING THE DEPARTMENT OF CONTRACT COMPLIANCE
AND HAVING THE OFFICE OF THE PURCHASING AGENT ASSUME
THE OFFICE OF CONTRACT COMPLIANCES DUTIES AND STAFF**

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Cook County Board of Commissioners, that Chapter 2 Administration, Section 2-401, Chapter 34 Finance, Sections 34-151, 34-175 through 34-303, and 34-351 through 34-356, of the Cook County Code are hereby amended as follows:

DIVISION 3. BUREAU OF FINANCE

Sec. 2-401. Bureau established.

DIVISION 2. CONTRACT PROCUREMENT

Sec. 34-151. Purchase procedures and competitive bidding.

DIVISION 6. MINORITY-AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

Sec. 34-275. Short title.

Sec. 34-276. Purpose; policy and findings.

Sec. 34-277. Definitions.

Sec. 34-278. Staffing and responsibilities for affirmative action.

Sec. 34-279. Application of division.

Sec. 34-280. Program goals.

Sec. 34-281. Implementation.

Sec. 34-282. Professionals and consulting services and sole source agreements.

Sec. 34-283. Other Federal and State regulations.

Sec. 34-284. Preference to residents of County.

Sec. 34-285. Reporting and review.

Sec. 34-286. Title.

Sec. 34-287. Recitals.

Sec. 34-288. Findings of discrimination.

Sec. 34-289. Public purpose.

Sec. 34-290. Applicability.

Sec. 34-291. Severability.

Sec. 34-292. Definitions.

Sec. 34-293. Program administration.

- Sec. 34-294. Race- and gender-neutral measures to ensure equal opportunities for all contractors and subcontractors.**
- Sec. 34-296. Annual aspirational goals.**
- Sec. 34-297. Project specific goals.**
- Sec. 34-298. Counting MBE and WBE participation.**
- Sec. 34-299. Contract pre-award compliance procedures.**
- Sec. 34-300. Contract administration procedures.**
- Sec. 34-301. Sanctions and penalties.**
- Sec. 34-302. Interim program review and sunset.**
- Sec. 34-303. Effective date.**
- DIVISION 9. RE-ENTRY EMPLOYMENT/BID INCENTIVE**
- Sec. 34-351. Re-entry employment committee.**
- Sec. 34-352. Bid incentive.**
- Sec. 34-353. Earned credits.**
- Sec. 34-354. Contractor's records.**
- Sec. 34-355. Review of contract performance.**
- Sec. 34-356. Rules.**

***Referred to the Committee on Contract Compliance on 12-03-08.**

297540

A RESOLUTION CONSOLIDATING VARIOUS GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS BY COMBINING THE OFFICE OF CONTRACT COMPLIANCE WITH THE OFFICE OF THE PURCHASING AGENT (PROPOSED RESOLUTION). Submitting a Proposed Resolution sponsored by Elizabeth "Liz" Doody Gorman, County Commissioner.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION

**A RESOLUTION CONSOLIDATING VARIOUS GOVERNMENTAL
OPERATIONS
BY COMBINING THE OFFICE OF CONTRACT COMPLIANCE
WITH THE OFFICE OF THE PURCHASING AGENT**

WHEREAS, in an effort to help resolve the FY 2008 budget crisis, a resolution consolidating certain government operations was introduced at the February 20, 2008 meeting of the Cook County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, during these tough economic times, the need to streamline County operations still exists as the Board of Commissioners prepares to address the FY 2009 budget; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent is the chief County official with the charge of procuring quality goods and services for Cook County agencies at the best market value, making certain that vendors comply with all of the requirements of the Procurement and Contracts Code and recommending to the County Board which vendors should be awarded contracts based on their bids and on meeting all the required criteria; and

WHEREAS, one of the major criterion in determining which vendors should be awarded contracts is compliance with the Minority and Women Owned Business Enterprises division of the Procurement and Contracts Code; and

WHEREAS, compliance with the County's MBE/WBE ordinance is the only criterion, in the County's contract procurement process, which is administered by a County department other than the Office of the Purchasing Agent; and

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent should have the responsibility of making certain that contracts are fulfilled appropriately and that vendors meet all of the requirements of the Procurement and Contracts Code; and

WHEREAS, it is redundant to have two departments with such similar responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, other large governmental bodies, such as the City of Chicago; Orange County, California; Hennepin County, Minnesota, throughout the United States, have only one department administering all of these functions; and

WHEREAS, it would be more cost efficient for the Office of Contract Compliance to be merged into the Office of the Purchasing Agent.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Office of Contract Compliance is hereby dissolved and the duties of said office shall be transferred to the Office of the Purchasing Agent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the employees of the Office of Contract Compliance shall now report to the Purchasing Agent.

***Referred to the Committee on Contract Compliance on 12-03-08.**

Matthew B. DeLeon, Secretary

Chairman: Maldonado
Vice-Chairman: Silvestri
Members: Butler, Gorman, Goslin, Moreno, Peraica, Sims, Steele